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Businesses prepare to re-open

by CHAD INGRAM AND DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Minden businesses are preparing to re-open, or expand their restricted operations, following the Ford government's announcement earlier this week that as of 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 12, communities outside of the GTA and Golden Horseshoe areas will move into the second phase of the province's COVID-19 recovery process.

Haliburton County is included in the list of regions that may proceed into Stage 2.

As of Friday, outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments may resume, with proper health and safety protocols in place. Also on the list are personal care services such as barbershops and hair salons, beauty salons and tattoo parlours.

Cody Nasby runs Traditional Barber at 116 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden and told the Times that when the provincial order came in March to shut down, he thought it would last a couple of weeks, instead of nearly three months.

Nasby opened his shop on Minden's main drag in November of last year and said business had been going well. "Everything was going fantastic and then COVID-19 hit," he said.

Appointments for the foreseeable future will be by appointment only. "I will be getting back to walk-ins eventually, but as of now it's

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Barber Cody Nasby is looking forward to opening this Friday since Premier Doug Ford announced on Monday that barbers and hair stylists can re-open, as part of the regional approach of the government's regional, phased approach to re-opening the economy. Nasby said his phone is ringing every few seconds since the announcement, as he's received almost non-stop requests for hair cuts. /DARREN LUM Staff

Busiest year ever at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

by ZACHARY ROMAN
Times Staff

With the COVID-19 pandemic causing many to stay home and go out only for the essentials, Monika Melichar, the founder and director of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary,

had thought less people would be out on the roads. And that would mean there was going to be less animals getting hurt or orphaned and brought to the sanctuary. "We were kind of looking forward to a slower paced season," said Melichar. "And that is absolutely not the case. The case is, we are like, overwhelmed."

This year has become Woodlands' busiest ever. With over 120 animals in the sanctu-

ary's care, some needing attention every 15 to 20 minutes, it's almost at capacity.

"Even though there's less cars on the road, there's as many [baby animals], if not more, becoming orphaned due to traffic collisions ... there's people speeding more during this time and it's huge. I guess, because the roads are clear, there's not as much traffic,

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Left, a volunteer wearing personal protective equipment feeds a bat at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. At right, a groundhog being bottle-fed at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden./Photos submitted by Monika Melichar

Animals still need help during pandemic

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they think they can go faster,” said Melichar. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation says that driver inattention and speed are common factors in animal-vehicle crashes.

Adding to Woodlands’ busy season in a positive way, Melichar said more people are stopping to help wildlife these days. “People are more observant, and have more time, possibly when they are travelling, to stop and help [injured animals],” said Melichar. “I think this COVID actually gave us a reason to reflect on the environment and nature around us and be a little more appreciative of the wildlife that we live with side-by-side.”

This year’s unpredictable weather has also been a contributing factor to the sanctuary filling up so quickly. Melichar said turbulent weather makes it harder for baby animals to thrive and harder for their parents to get them the food they need.

“It was after the snowfall, after that crazy whatever it was around Mother’s Day in May, that our sanctuary absolutely exploded with animals,” said Melichar. “Every day we’re getting half a dozen newbies.”

Despite places like animal shelters and veterinary practices being ruled an essential service, Melichar said some other places like Woodlands in surrounding areas have chosen to close or run at a very limited capacity as a safety precaution amid COVID-19. This is yet another reason Woodlands has been busier than ever. But Melichar said Woodlands won’t turn any animal away.

This means the shelter needs more volunteers than ever. “This week we’ve taken on four new volunteers because we need to be able to keep up,” said Melichar. “It literally takes one volunteer to just look after a group of baby birds and then we have all the mammals too that need to be hand-fed and things like that.”

Woodlands is 100 per cent volunteer based and non-profit, running entirely on donations. Due to COVID-19, many of their more experienced volunteers are not able to come into the sanctuary and help because they are in high-risk groups – meaning they are more likely to catch the virus. Melichar said all the volunteers who can come in have been self-isolating beforehand and that they are very careful anytime they go somewhere. “We can’t take any risks,” said Melichar. “It’s very difficult for us to actually have social distancing of six feet because we work out of ... small trailers and we need to make sure that our volunteers that do come [haven’t had] any potential exposure.” Woodlands has personal protective equipment for all of its volunteers.

Melichar said the number one way people can help out the sanctuary is by volunteering. Even if you can’t help out inside the sanctuary, Woodlands works with driver volunteers. Drivers deliver injured animals to the sanctuary, where there is a contactless transfer. “We don’t allow the public on the property, we have to go and greet them at the gate where we social distance with them,” said Melichar. “Our donations are down because of that, because they can’t come to the gift shop or to actually spend some time talking to us ... any help people can offer us is great.”

Drivers can also assist with supply runs, of which there are many lately. Melichar said it can be a challenge to plan ahead and do the orders on time. “With the amount of animals we have, we deplete our stock quickly ... we are buying tens of thousands of crickets every week,” said Melichar. “The feed stores are good as long as we call ahead ... but with the live insects that we have to feed a lot of these birds and ducklings ... there’s nobody up here that sells them, we have to either ship them in through Purolator or actually go down to Peterborough to pick them up.”

Melichar said that Woodlands has more volunteers than they’ve ever had. But they still need more because there are more animals in the sanctuary than ever before. Melichar said that if people can’t volunteer, they can support Woodlands through monetary donations or by purchasing an item the sanctuary requires off of their Amazon wish list, which can be found at woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca. If you see an in-

jured animal or one you suspect has been orphaned, you can call Woodlands at 705-286-1133.

“Because it is baby season right now, people are going to come across a lot of youngsters who do not have their parents sitting beside them watching over them. So they need to stop and take a moment to assess the situation to see whether a baby really needs to be rescued,” said Melichar. “If they are not sure, then please call us. And you know, we can step them through the situation and find out what to do next.”



Members of the Woodlands team care for animals in the sanctuary’s nursery while wearing their COVID-19 personal protective equipment. /Submitted by Monika Melichar

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Childcare centres may re-open Friday

The provincial government announced Tuesday that as of Friday, June 12, childcare centres across the province may re-open, with health and safety protocols in place.

“As we prepare to re-open more businesses and services, it is critical that we ensure supports are in place so people can return to work knowing their children will be cared for in a safe and healthy environment,” Premier Doug Ford said in a statement. “Our child care plan sets out strict protocols that must be followed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We

have made great progress to contain the virus, but we must be mindful that there is still a public health risk.”

Some of the safety measures include putting children and staff in groups of 10 or less; screening of children and staff prior to entry; daily attendance records to support contact tracing; enhanced cleaning requirements; and drop-off and pick-up protocols that allow for physical distancing.

Staff

Province announces additional internet funding amid COVID-19 crisis

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Last week, the provincial government announced more funding for internet infrastructure in Ontario, aimed at bringing enhanced broadband and cellular service to rural, remote and under-served areas.

The \$150 million in funding is part of a \$315-million program from the province called Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan.

At a June 3 press conference, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott said the self-isolation protocols of the COVID-19 pandemic have underscored the need for reliable internet that allows more people to work from home.

"By doing their part and staying home to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the people of Ontario have demonstrated the need to be connected to learn, work, and run their businesses," Scott said. "It appears that functioning remotely will continue to be a regular way of life for many in this new environment, and fast reliable internet will be critical."

Organizations including municipal governments and non-profit groups, as well as telecom companies, can apply for funding for projects under the program.

In terms of broadband cellular connectivity throughout eastern Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus continues to work on its massive, \$213-million cell gap project

through its Eastern Ontario Regional Network, the project aiming to essentially eradicate gaps in service throughout the region with the construction of new telecommunications towers.

"Although the recent announcement for funding from the province is to be applauded, it will likely be better suited for smaller private and municipal projects," Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen told the *Times* in an email. "Whatever portion of that funding EORN might quality for would, in essence, be a drop in the bucket when compared against the overall cost of the project about to get underway or future projects being proposed."

Danielsen, who sits on the EOWC, said its members would be meeting with MPPs to discuss not only enhanced internet service, but other priorities that have been raised by the COVID-19 crisis.

"Members of the warden's caucus will be meeting with a number of Ontario's MPPs in the near future to address this need along with offers of assistance in planning for improved long-term healthcare and planning for the overall economy and municipal recovery, not only of eastern Ontario, but all of Ontario given the overall impact of the pandemic," Danielsen wrote. "Meanwhile we will continue to be a strong voice on behalf of Haliburton County and all of our residents."

While 63 per cent of households and businesses within the area served by EOWC do not have access to the standard broadband downloading/uploading speed of 50/10 Mbps, "in actuality, when you remove the cities in eastern Ontario, only

approximately 46 per cent of rural municipalities have access to relatively decent service," Danielsen told the paper. "During the pandemic we have all found that the need to access better service is critical if we are to work in a newly crafted environment, which will likely be the case for some time to come if not permanently. It has been said that the pandemic has in fact, created a great divide in access to service depending on where you live."

The \$213-million EORN project includes \$71 million in funding from each of the federal and provincial governments, and \$10 million in funding from the member municipalities of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which includes Haliburton County. The County of Haliburton will contribute up to \$565,000 to the project, and the remaining \$61 million is to be funded by mobile service providers.

Initial requests for proposals for the project were recently released, and it's expected to take three to four years to complete.

"All of the members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus were unanimous in their support of EORN's recommendation to pursue expanded service in cooperation with higher levels of government and the private sector," Danielsen wrote. "The unfortunate aspect of the work that will get underway later this year is that a project of this magnitude will still take considerable time and it will be a number of years before completion and until we can compete with urban areas."



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Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan and Arrears plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month.

The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on **July 24th and September 18th, 2020. Post-dated** cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques.

If you have any questions regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call (705) 286-1260, extension 201.

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A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or admin@minden hills.ca.

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call. The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

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For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to: www.minden hills.ca/covid-19-information/

Road mortality threatens turtle populations

by ZACHARY ROMAN
Times Staff

Every year, from as early as May to as late as mid-July, it's turtle nesting season in Ontario. And us humans have created the perfect nesting – or relaxing – habitat for these threatened creatures: the side of the road. As a result of this, road mortality is a leading cause of declining turtle populations in the province.

"Usually we're well into [nesting season] by now but that cold weather slowed the turtles down a bit. So we're a couple of weeks behind," said Dr. Sue Carstairs, executive and medical director of the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre. "We're just starting to see the females out, probably by mid-June they'll be in full force out there."

Leora Berman, the founder and chief operating officer of The Land Between, is seeing the same thing. "This time of year, it's predominantly females on roads because they're nesting ... our gravel shoulders are the perfect [surface] for turtles," said Berman. "When a turtle nests in that site there's quite a lot of nest fidelity, so they will return to the same area to nest year after year. There are studies that show that turtles nest close to where they were born as well."

The Land Between is a non-government organization that works to conserve the "land between" bioregion, which extends from the Georgian Bay Coast to the Ottawa Valley and is the last intact wilderness in southern Ontario.

Nesting isn't the only reason a turtle could be on the road. "Sometimes turtles are on the



A snapping turtle crosses a road.
/Photo submitted by Linda Heeps

roads just to bask, or they're just stopped and they're having a little break because the road is nice and hot, and they're exothermic," said Berman. "They rely on outside temperatures for their metabolism and their processes, their immune system and to digest food."

One of The Land Between's initiatives is Turtle Guardians, which aims to help conserve turtles through citizen science, road research, crossing sign placement and underpass construction. Around one-third of all Ontario's turtles live in the "land between"

bioregion, making it one of the last strongholds for most species.

The Land Between works on turtle conservation efforts with Scales Nature Park, who have the longest and largest freshwater turtle research program in North America. "They are partners on Turtle Guardians and we look at turtle populations and turtle hotspots for road crossing signs and underpasses," said Berman. "Turtle populations, we know have declined by more than 50 per cent and likely even up to 70 per cent in areas in the last 20 years. There's some scientists that have estimated if we lose 20 per cent of our snapping turtles in the next two years, they will become extinct."

Snapping turtles are some of the most misunderstood animals. Many people are afraid of them but don't realize they don't want to hurt you. "Snapping turtles have been proven to be extremely docile in water. You can actually swim next to them. Turtles are naturally curious and very gentle creatures. They only snap out of water in defense, not offensively," said Berman. "Nothing can consume as much dead matter and clean the bottom of a lake as best as a snapping turtle. But those are the ones that most people are afraid of."

"We have the highest turtle diversity in Ontario ... we've got a lot of turtles and a lot of different turtles. And that's really important because turtles take approximately 30 years to replace themselves. For one adult to have [one] successful offspring it has to be laying eggs for 30 years," said Berman. "The adults that are on the roads are essential to keep the population stable. So any turtle that's hit on the road, is it's like a bottle of beer off the wall you know, that's it ... the population is forever reduced."

Carstairs said that of the eight turtle species in Ontario, seven are now listed as at risk. The number one reason is habitat loss and the number two is road mortality. Berman said the morning and evening are when turtles are usually most active and therefore when you are most likely to find them on the roads. They also enjoy warm weather and thrive whenever conditions are wet. However, drivers should stay on the lookout for turtles at all times.

"What we try to do is alert all the drivers to watch out and especially the kids in the back to put on 'turtle vision' and keep their eyes wide open and look far ahead," said Berman. "Because every adult turtle is precious to the survival of the population."

Unfortunately, not all drivers use their turtle vision for good. Monika Melichar, founder and director of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, has seen the consequences of this firsthand.

"We've received our second turtle [of the year] that has been run over on the road ... when it came in, the gentleman who brought it was actually almost in tears because he witnessed the car going out of its way to run this turtle over," said Melichar. "It is still happening out there. I don't understand why, what joy they get out of hitting a turtle. But it was very obvious to him because the turtle was on the side of the road and the driver swerved to clip it."

Melichar said the turtle who was hit, a small painted turtle, is pretty banged up. But he is surviving and the sanctuary is optimistic that he will heal well. "There's more people that are compassionate to turtles now because the message is getting out. So people actually help, I see it a lot where people help them cross the road, slow the traffic down, whatever they can do to prevent a turtle being run over," said Melichar. "Unfortunately there's still some yahoos out there ... I mean with the snapping turtles it could be like 17 years before they reach sexual maturity enough to lay eggs. That's a long time for them to have to live with cars and yahoos to be able to reproduce."

It is only in recent years that Woodlands has become set up to care for turtles. But now that they are, Melichar said they definitely want to do their part and that if anyone comes across an injured turtle they can give Woodlands a call.

Carstairs also thinks that situations where turtles are intentionally hit are becoming increasingly uncommon thanks to efforts made from conservation groups to educate the public on the importance of turtles. "That is very much the exception, but it does still exist ... we need to get at the root of the problem and start changing those thought patterns and behaviours through education," said Carstairs. "I've seen all kinds of people stopping to help turtles, from young guys on dirtbikes to bus drivers to delivery trucks to the 'average person' that you'd expect to help. So I think the trend is more towards positive stewardship."

Berman said that turtles are the irreplaceable foundation of our aquatic ecosystems. "Our lakes or wetlands or rivers could not function, would not have any fish, would not

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Drivers who intentionally hit turtles can be fined

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have any biodiversity without turtles,” said Berman. “Anything that requires water to survive needs a turtle.”

According to Berman, if you see someone who went out of their way to hit a turtle, you can report it to the Ministry of Natural Resources tip line at 1-800-MNR-TIPS. There is a better chance of the perpetrator being brought to justice if you have dashcam evidence, or the license plate of the offender. Intentionally hitting a turtle carries a maximum fine of \$25,000.

If you want to help a turtle across the road, it is important to put your safety first. Both Berman and Carstairs suggested that people see their organization’s websites – turtleguardians.com and ontarioturtle.ca respectively – for detailed instructions on how to handle a turtle, even a snapping turtle, safely.

One of the most important things you can do is wash your hands after handling a turtle. Due to COVID-19, many people have hand sanitizer on them already, which Carstairs said will do the trick.

“We don’t want anyone getting injured themselves trying to help a turtle, as much as we adore turtles. But if it’s safe to do so, if the road isn’t too busy and people feel comfortable, pulling over, putting your flashers on, if you have a bright orange vest to wear, that’s great to help the turtle across the road in the direction that it’s going,” said Carstairs. “It always has to be in the direction that they’re going. Then that’s wonderful because you’ve

probably saved their life.”

Helping the turtle in the direction it was already going is especially important because moving a turtle from its territory can be the same as killing it. Turtles have imprinted their territories and cannot make mind maps of new territories. “If you move them away from their territory, they won’t know where to hibernate. They won’t know where to seed. They will be extremely distressed,” said Berman. “They have to stay where they live.”

Turtle Guardians has an app that people can download and use to report turtle sightings. It is just one of the many ways you can get involved in turtle conservation with The Land Between’s five-level citizen science program that can turn you into a real turtle researcher.

The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre has a hotline – 705-741-5000 – that you can call from eight a.m. to eight p.m. seven days a week to report an injured turtle or even just to ask for advice. They have a network of almost 700 volunteers who help get turtles to them from across the province. They are always looking for more volunteers to help in any position.

“You can make a population impact with a relatively few number of turtles ... you can actually help at a population level rather than an individual level,” said Carstairs. “And every person that does one positive thing for an adult turtle is doing something positive, not just for that individual [but] the entire population. So that’s pretty powerful.”

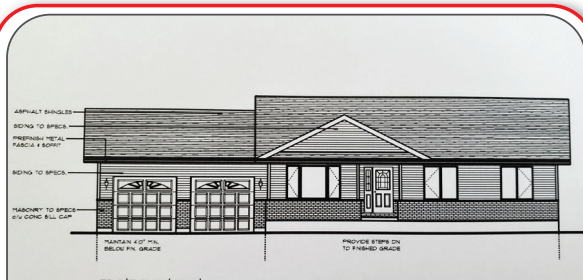


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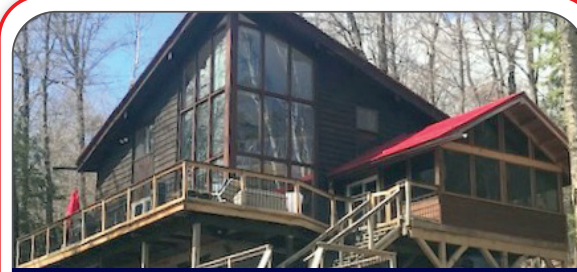
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Farewell, Michael

MICHAEL FAY was one of the first people I met when I began working in Minden nearly 12 years ago now, and at that time he was a driving force behind a number of arts-related things happening in the community.

Retired from a career at Toronto Public Health, in Minden Michael embraced his passion for writing, producing nearly half a dozen plays and publishing a number of short stories. One of those plays, *Never Such Innocence Again*, won a number of awards, and anyone who was present for one of the performances of *Buck's Tavern* at the cultural centre likely doesn't forget it. He had a knack for bringing local history to life in a colourful and entertaining fashion.

Creating the co-operative community theatre group Conjurers of County Town with wife Fay Martin, Michael revived deceased wordsmiths with meetings of the Dead Poets Society at the Dominion Hotel. There was Score!, a 20-hour marathon of poetry readings and music that also took place at the Dominion and was a fundraiser for the arts council's Artists in the Schools program.

Michael dedicated his time and talents to a number of non-profit and arts-related organizations in the county, including but not limited to the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, of which he was a founder, the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network, the foundation for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, and the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Then there were the parties. Michael and Fay's annual New Year's Eve day celebrations typically started some time in the afternoon, running until "whenever," with guests coming and going throughout the day. I remember those occasions being full of interesting people, wine, and thought-provoking conversation.

I'll remember Michael as an incredibly kind man with a gentle spirit who was passionate about the arts, the environment and social justice. And while during the past few years he wasn't able to be as involved in the community as he once was, he certainly left his mark on it.

My condolences to Fay and the rest of Michael's family.

Kwarky



The Scottish Lawn

Improving surveys

WITHIN THE next little while, anyone who has hunted wild turkey or bear in the spring is legally obligated to fill out an online survey so the biologists at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry can have better data to help manage our wildlife in a sustainable way. In my opinion, this is a great step forward and we should all be incredibly happy to help out.

My only complaint is the survey itself. When I filled mine out, they basically asked me a few boring questions. It focused on the number of days I hunted, the number of target species animals I saw, the number I harvested and in what wildlife management unit I hunted in. All that's fine but, if you want even more hunter participation, a few minor tweaks would probably be helpful.

First, after those basic questions, there should be a section that allows hunters to brag a little. In it, you should be able to post a photo of yourself posing with the bird or bear you tagged, plus the story that you plan to settle on – and information on where your next hunting seminar will be. Add to that a share button so that you can alert all your friends about the success you have experienced.

If the hunter reported no harvest, they should immediately be able to check into the "Here's the reason I got skunked" page. This would be the place where the disgruntled hunter could get all of their frustrations out by typing in a litany of excuses as to why they did not get their bird. Not only would this be entertaining, it would also show wildlife biologists things they have never considered before

when managing wildlife. For instance, it might make them aware that there are too many trees in your average turkey woods – and that these can prevent hunters from getting a bead on a bird. Knowing this, they might consider proposals to thin down our forests a bit so that you can see the #@z%\$! birds. It might allow MNRF staff to revise the hunter education course so that they focus a little more on taking the gun safety off before a turkey steps into that one #@z%\$! opening between the trees. Or maybe it might encourage them

to do a bit of mosquito control so you are not swatting when a bird slips in.

When it comes to the bear surveys, there might be an additional question that would provide some insight as to how big the bear sighted was. The most helpful question I would suggest would be, "On a scale of one to 10 (with 10 being the driest), how dry were your shorts when you left the

woods?" All it would take would be that and a few accompanying trail camera photos before biologists would be able to accurately predict the size of the bear based upon the number provided by the survey respondent.

The point here is that these additional questions would benefit everyone. The biologists would know a little more about the pain that some hunters go through – and maybe even provide a refund to the worst affected cases. And hunters would look forward to filling out the surveys either to brag or vent their frustrations.

And the MNRF might also be able to sell the data to make more money for wildlife management. For instance, I'm sure some underwear companies would be very interested...



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The wind in my ears

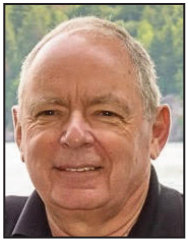
THERE ARE DAYS when I want to be like Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh and cut off my ear.

It's the wind. It is getting stronger by the year and never seems to stop. Howling in my ears, like the famous mistral wind that helped drive van Gogh crazy while he was painting in southern France.

Van Gogh complained in letters that the mistral made painting difficult and got on his nerves.

"I find painting hard work because of the wind," he wrote in one letter, noting that the mistral blew sand onto his wet canvas and made scratches in the paint when he brushed.

There is speculation that the mistral, a strong, sustained wind most prevalent in winter and spring, helped to drive van Gogh crazy. He sliced off his ear and gave it to a prostitute in 1888, two years before committing suicide by shooting himself in the stomach.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Our winds are not really driving me crazy, but they are making me take notice of the changes in our climate.

A recent study in the journal Nature Climate Change reports that winds in much of the world have become faster in the last 10 years. It says that in northern-mid-latitude regions wind speeds have increased seven per cent in the last decade.

Some studies say increasing winds are at least partially tied to climate change. Northern regions are warming more rapidly than southern regions, creating smaller temperature differences that affect the jet stream, which is creating more wild weather, including more and stronger winds.

There are not a lot of definitive studies on what is happening with the wind, and those that do exist are highly technical or deal with how more wind is terrific for wind turbines producing electrical power.

All I know is what I see and feel. There seem to be fewer calm days in the past couple of years.

The lake where I spend much of my time is seldom calm. A walk in the woods shows me far more twigs and branches felled by the wind.

Also, there seems to be more severe wind events – times when the winds gust to 95 kilometres per hour or higher. Certainly, the number of tornadoes has been increasing in the U.S. and Canada.

Canada averaged 60 to 70 tornadoes a year during the 1980-2009 period. However, many tornadoes occur in remote areas where they go unrecorded and some analysts believe the Canadian annual average is 150 to 230 tornadoes a year.

The U.S. averages roughly 1,200 tornadoes a year, and so far in 2020 there have been more than 500.

More days of more wind are not a major concern in our part of the country as long as we don't experience more severe wind events. In fact, light to medium winds are a blessing at this time of year when the spring and early summer flies are numerous and feasting.

The real concern is the future and the possibility that climate change will bring more destructive winds.

An Environment Canada study done six or seven years ago reported that there will be more "wind gust events" and more of them severe, in the coming years.

The study concludes that:

"The implications of these increases should be taken into consideration and integrated into policies and planning for adaptation strategies, including measures to incorporate climate change into engineering infrastructure design standards and disaster-risk-reduction measures."

In simpler English: It's going to get windier in future, so plan to build stronger policies and buildings to withstand stronger winds.

I've been convinced for some time that it is getting windier, but I won't be like van Gogh and let it bother me.

Annoying winds may bite your cheeks in winter and buzz your ears in summer, but they are an important and beneficial part of nature.

Wind helps plants to move pollen and seeds that create new generations. Wind blowing on a new seedling or a developing spring plant helps that new life to become stronger. When pushed by the wind a plant produces a hormone called auxin that stimulates the growth of supporting cells.

Even damaging winds can be beneficial to a forest. They knock down diseased trees, creating space for new life that support a greater diversity of wildlife.

letters to the editor

High expectations

To the Editor,

Five weeks ago I reached out to Mr. Jamie Schmale, our Member of Parliament, to express my concerns about the federal government and their apparent disregard for the political process. If you want to contact our MP you must fill out a page with multiple "required fields." Make sure you copy your notes prior to sending because once it is gone, despite them having all your information you will not receive a copy of the correspondences, acknowledgement of the email nor apparently a response. Frankly those kind of "one way" contact pages should not be allowed for any level of our government, it does not even show up as a sent document.

Realizing that things can and do go awry I called his office, after four weeks, to inquire

as to what happened. Another week passed and again no response, I told them not to bother and thus the reason for this letter to the editor.

During the COVID pandemic a number of the voices for the public have risen to the top with excellent communication and planning skills, many locally. In my opinion our Member of Parliament does not fall into that category. I still have the original concerns I wrote to him about. Concerns perhaps all Canadians should have about what is happening politically in our nations capital and the absolute lack of an Opposition. In my opinion a response to my communication would have been appropriate. Perhaps I did indeed have high expectations.

Murray Adam
Algonquin Highlands

The immune system army

WE ALL HAVE an immune system. Some have a very strong immune system and some don't. Genetics play a role in determining how strong our immune system is at birth but lifestyle determines how well it functions as we age.

A great analogy I heard in a podcast was that our immune system is like an ever-present army. It provides 24/7 surveillance. It responds if it detects a threat of any kind, and then it clears out any of the debris left behind. I felt that was an effective way to think about this important part of our bodies that we never really think about - unless we get sick or hurt.

To state the obvious, during this time of COVID-19 having a strong immune system is an advantage. Actually, it's *the* advantage. The important thing to note is that we can keep our army in top-notch form - or close to it. There are tons of predators that want to infiltrate our bodies. Those predators we can't do much about. In fact it is good to expose ourselves to some low grade threats because having no threats makes the army weak because of inactivity.

On the other end of the scale are the self-imposed types of threats that weaken the army because it's depleted by being over-worked. The biggest is stress. Stress comes from working long hours, eating junk food, drinking too much alcohol, smoking, stay-

ing up past bedtime, and consistent worrying. When you think about how we were living pre-COVID-19 it's no wonder that this virus took over the world so quickly.

A healthy lifestyle is the best lifestyle if you're interested in being healthy. If we stick with the "army" analogy and we imagine soldiers that make up the army - I would want those soldiers to be in true fighting condition. That means taking care of the basics such as getting eight hours (or close to it) of sleep per night, eating nutritious food because an army can't be fuelled with chocolate bars and potato chips, and, exercising. In addition, there's maintaining mental sharpness through activities like meditation, reading, or anything that brings a smile to your face.

It's never too late to make your army a little stronger. Start with one change. Go to bed earlier tonight. Pull an apple out of the fridge right now and eat it. Go for a walk, a run, a bike ride, a paddle, do some Burpees, or read something that warms your heart. One small change can make a huge difference.

Something to think about.

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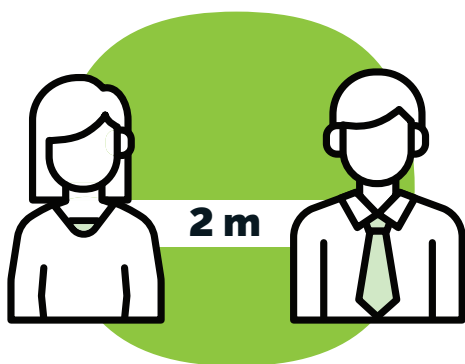
LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness



Colette van den Thillart took this photo at her Mountain Lake home, which her mom Jeanne Anthon posted to Facebook looking for identification. Victoria Bingham then identified it as a Polyphemus Moth. /Submitted

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appointments only just so I can kind of control the traffic," Nasby said.

It seems there are a number of customers anxious for a cut. "I'm filling up daily," Nasby said. "My phone is ringing every two seconds so I'm definitely going to be full for the foreseeable future."

For the time being, there is no beard or moustache trimming or shaving permitted.

"So that's part of the restriction is that I'm not going to be doing anything facial," Nasby said. "I'm not going to be able to do any beard trims or do any straight razor shaves or any of that kind of stuff. It's just going to strictly be haircuts to keep the touching of people's faces to a minimum."

He is preparing for the new normal and will be adhering to safety protocols related to reducing the spread of COVID-19 such as making customers use hand sanitizer, and wear gloves and masks upon entering his es-

tablishment. He will also wear a mask during the 30-minute appointments.

Before Premier Doug Ford's announcement earlier this week, Nasby heard from others that the second phase of re-opening would include barbers and hair stylists outside Toronto and the GTA. He couldn't contain his happiness when he learned of the good news while watching the live broadcast on his home computer.

"I sat there and waited, and waited for Ford's [announcement]. It only took about three minutes to announce that our area was going to be able to open so I jumped out of my chair ... I screamed I was so happy," Nasby said.

To contact Nasby, message him through his Traditional Barber page on FB or call him on his mobile at 705-457-7222.

Terri Mathews-Carl of Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant and Minden's Boshkung Social told the *Times* that patios at both locations will open Friday, along with the food

truck at Boshkung Social.

"Hours are yet to be determined, but we're happy to open and welcome back our local and cottage customers," Mathews-Carl said.

At the Dominion Hotel, owner Shawn Chamberlin said he's also working on plans to re-open in accordance with provincial guidelines.

Other business activities that may resume include biking, walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting tours at wineries, breweries and distilleries. Recreational water facilities such as splash pads, wading pools and swimming pools may re-open with protocols in place, as well as outdoor recreational facilities for team sports, with processes in place to enable physical distancing. Camping at private campgrounds, as well as beach access and camping at provincial parks, will also be permitted to resume.

Across the province, social gatherings will be able to include up to 10 people, with the limit previously being five, and places of

worship may operate at a one-third capacity.

The health and long-term economic well-being of the people of Ontario has guided every decision we have made in response to COVID-19," Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance and chairman of the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee, said in a statement. "The people and employers of Ontario have demonstrated responsible behaviour throughout the global pandemic. I'm confident that will continue in Stage 2 and beyond. Our collective health and the economic recovery of the province depend on it."

A press release from the province also indicates the province will soon be releasing information on the reopening of day cares, summer camps and public transit.

The provincial framework on reopening for Stage 2 can be found at <https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-2-en-2020-06-08.pdf>

COVID-19 testing continues for long-term care staff

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

In a weekly update from Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO, said all long-term care staff will be tested for COVID-19 twice during the month of June, under direction by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"We plan to begin this testing on June 9 and 10, and as we did previously, we will inform families, residents, and staff of any results first, and then we will share that information with the public," reads the update.

All long-term care residents and staff were tested for COVID-19 at HHHS facilities as part of a directive of the Ontario government in May.

At that time, Plummer said the move would identify any asymptomatic cases of the coronavirus, if there are any, and would contribute to the bigger picture for the province as it sought to better understand the spread of the virus in long-term care homes. The test results at that time were negative.

Outdoor visits to begin

Highland Wood and Hyland Crest residents will be welcoming guests for outdoor, physically distanced visits, the first in-person visits since March, when long-term care homes closed to non-essential visitors.

"With the nicer weather here, I'm pleased to share that Highland Wood and Hyland Crest residents have been able to get outside and enjoy some time in the gazebo areas of both homes," said Plummer. "While the provincial government continues to restrict visitors, we have put up a secondary fence to allow for outdoor visits to take place, so long as they follow the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Public Health Unit directives of being physically distanced by at least six feet. Families are being encouraged to schedule a time for an outdoor visit with staff, and we expect there will be many visits happening soon."

Activities continue at Hyland Crest, Highland Wood

Painted lady butterflies raised at both

Hyland Crest and Highland Wood long-term care homes are currently in the process of hatching. A memorial release of the butterflies performed by staff in recognition of residents who have passed away this year will happen once the butterflies are ready.

Gardens at both Hyland Crest and Highland

Wood long-term care facilities have been maintained and "are looking beautiful," reported Plummer.

"Staff have helped to plant plenty of vegetables for residents to nurture over the summer months and then enjoy eating at harvest time," she said.

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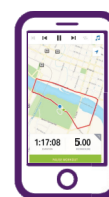


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Public should remain diligent during pandemic: health unit

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Haliburton County's total confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are unresolved remain at one, after a new case appeared – the first since April – last week. Currently there are also two community high-risk contacts in Haliburton County reported in the June 9 data of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge district health unit, down from five last week.

"High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case," Chandra Tremblay, HKPR manager, corporate services, communications and IT told the *Times*. "These people would have been identified when the health unit spoke with the confirmed case and they identified people they were in contact with during their infectious period."

Tremblay said the high-risk contacts are then contacted by health unit staff, and asked to get tested and self-isolate.

"Health unit staff will work with the local assessment centre to ensure they are prepared for the person to arrive for testing and that supports are then put in place for the person to remain in self-isolation for 14 days," said Tremblay. "If the high-risk contact person's test comes back as a positive, they will become a confirmed case and that will be reflected in the health unit's numbers. If the person remains in self-isolation for 14 days and remains asymptomatic or their test comes back as negative, after 14 days they are no longer captured as a high-risk contact that the health unit is following and do not need to remain in self-isolation."

The eight confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County – seven which were deemed resolved by April 25 – were Haliburton County residents, with any positive tests of people within the county who have a permanent residence elsewhere being added to the data of the health unit of their permanent address.

"The person is not required to return to their permanent residence to self-isolate if they are already located at a secondary residence or someone else's residence in Haliburton County," said Tremblay. "Our staff would work with the person and the staff from their home health unit to ensure they are able to remain in isolation and have the supports required so they would not need to venture out into the community – someone to pick up

groceries, medications, etc."

As has been previously reported in the *Times*, Tremblay said the province has expanded the testing strategy enabling increased testing and with that there will be additional cases of positive asymptomatic people confirmed.

Last week, Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team responded to a question from the *Times* about what the public should know at this time.

"The message is, COVID-19 is not going away and will continue to appear periodically," he said. "We don't know when or where usually, so we all have to do our part to minimize picking up or spreading the virus, i.e. social distance, hand washing, wear a mask when shopping."

Tremblay said it is important for the public to recognize that many people who have the virus do not have symptoms.

"This makes it important for people to continue to follow public health measures of maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask when they are out and unable to guarantee they can remain six feet from others, washing their hands frequently and staying home if they are ill," she said. "We have been lucky to not have a large number of confirmed cases in Haliburton County unlike other areas of the province, but we need to continue to be diligent to stop the spread."

"It is not the most sick patients we have to worry about, they will be sick at home or in hospital," said Bottum. "It is the least sick who minimize their symptoms and continue to be active in our community and unaware."

Last week, the new confirmed case of COVID-19 – was rumoured to have been hospitalized, but Bottum said that was untrue, though there has previously been a hospitalization amongst the positive local cases, and people requiring oxygen therapy can be admitted to a local hospital.

"If they are unstable and possibly headed for intubation, they would be referred to an intensive care unit with capacity to accept, i.e. not always Peterborough," said Bottum.

Tremblay asked that besides remaining diligent, the public prepare for another possible influx of COVID-19 infections.

"People also need to prepare for an anticipated second wave of the virus in the fall," said Tremblay. "The province, public health and local health partners are putting plans in place in anticipation of the second wave, which could be a challenge given the fall is typically the beginning of the influenza season."

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Province lifts restrictions on short-term rentals

As of June 5, the provincial government lifted restrictions put in place on short-term rentals amid the COVID-19 outbreak, meaning they can again legally operate.

The province announced June 4 that commencing just after midnight on Friday, June 5, short-term rental accommodations could once again accept guests.

“This decision follows additional actions the government has taken to support our provincial seasonal travel and tourism in Ontario, which include the re-opening of provincial parks for day use, the gradual reintroduction of backcountry camping at provincial parks and the reopening of marinas and golf courses,” reads correspondence from the office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott. “The government’s responsible and measured approach to reopening allows business owners and service providers time to ensure workplaces are safe for staff, consumers and the general public. Operators must continue to follow occupational health and safety guidelines and follow the advice of local and provincial public health officials.”

The health and safety guidelines for tourism and hospitality operators amid the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at <https://www.wsp.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Downloads/covid-19-tourism-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext>.

Short-term rentals had been banned under emergency orders from the province amid the pandemic, however, as Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt pointed out during a Haliburton County council in meeting in late May, residents had continued to privately rent out their cottages anyway.

“Short-term rentals are supposed to be not operating, but they are,” Moffatt said at the meeting. “I’m getting an awful lot of complaints and concerns from people who are saying that the rental place next to them is, you know, full of two or three families every weekend.”

County council had been concerned this created an unfair situation, as resort owners continued to keep their doors closed. The county was seeking clarity from the province as to what types of rental accommodations were permitted to operate, with proper safety protocols. While the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit had clarified that if rental accommodations were considered “shared accommodations” they could operate as essential services under emergency orders from the province.

The June 4 announcement made it clear that all lodges, cabins, bed-and-breakfasts and privately rented homes, cottages and condominiums were included in the June 5 re-opening.

Chad Ingram, Staff



Horse power

Algonquin Highlands resident Lynn Goldman sits in her hyper bike, powered by her 20-year-old miniature horse Winston, riding down North Shore Road on their way home on Wednesday, June 3 after a drive around the neighbourhood. Goldman said she usually exercises her three horses on her property, but sometimes she'll take them out on the road. /DARREN LUM Staff



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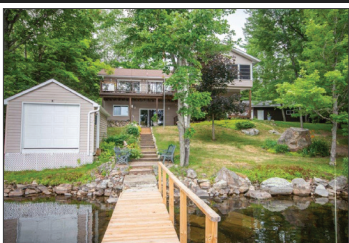
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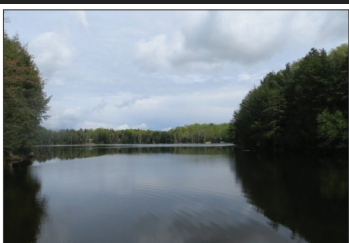
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Highland Yard joins other events with a virtual run

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The long-standing tradition of a Minden annual summer charity run, benefiting area causes will continue despite the ongoing pandemic, said organizers of the Highland Yard.

It's been 50 years for the run, which started as the Heineken Yard and then was re-named the Highland Yard several years ago. The annual event was something that also united runners of all abilities and backgrounds, whether local or not. The sweat equity that was paid in completion of the run and the resulting bright smiles at the finish line was the same for all participants.

Although this year's version will be virtual (with a 50th run next year), it will still be a major fundraiser for the local non-profit organization, Places for People, which provides safe, secure and affordable housing for members of the community at risk of homelessness. All proceeds go to Places for People.

The Highland Yard chairperson of the organizing committee, Jack Russel, said "Due

to COVID-19, the Highland Yard committee decided to offer a virtual run – The [Stay At] Home Run. Now more than ever, people at risk of homelessness; those who are sleeping in cars; those who have been evicted; those who have worn out their welcome as a couch surfer need affordable secure rental housing. Ninety-five per cent of money raised by the Highland Yard goes to current and future housing needs and projects," he wrote in an email.

Since 2013, the Highland Yard has raised more than \$100,000 for Places for People.

The non-profit is currently serving seven families, including 17 children and 10 adults.

Russel moved here in 2008 with his wife Susan and started with the organizing committee in 2010. Two years later he stopped running due to hip surgery and took the helm of the run as chairperson. Up to that point, he was an avid runner, having completed the Boston Marathon in 1995. He started running because of his wife's passion for the sport. She now helps Places for People because of his involvement so she can "pay it forward."

Russel, who was an adjunct professor in psychology and with the faculty of education, and worked in psychological services at

Western University, appreciates the event for how it allows him to give back to the running community, using his experience as a runner to organize a strong event, but also how it helps with housing needs, which relates to the mental health of residents.

"The Highland Yard has given me this chance to satisfy not only my own wishes but to help in raising awareness and money for affordable housing in Haliburton County. I am deeply aware of the importance of having secure shelter and know the significance this plays in other essential human developmental activities such as loving and being loved, feeling secure and safe, giving to others, self fulfillment," he said.

Also on the organizing committee is Jane Boyd, who is proud of the community she calls home.

She may not have been born here, but she was educated here, graduating from elementary school and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. She left for university and lived in the city for years, but later returned.

With death in her family occurring frequently, the avid runner and close to 35-year participant of the Highland Yard said she welcomes the idea of keeping something alive.

"I just think it's something very special for Minden to have something that old, that continuous, that many changes in it, but basically the same. It's always been a charity race. We just changed the charity," she said.

Her Minden racing experience includes overall victories for her respective ages while in her 30s and 40s. She still has the Heineken Yard steins given in the early days, she said.

She said it's far more special to run here than anywhere else because of how she knows the organizers and the beneficiaries of the charity. There is also an appreciation, she said, of the beautiful natural setting of the run and how inclusive it has been the past several years, including runners of all ages and abilities, many of which will be from the

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— JACK RUSSEL, CHAIRPERSON

same family.

Boyd believes the money raised this year will help Places for People in its latest endeavour to add an eight-plex residence to accommodate eight families.

"While it doesn't seem like much, everybody deserves a home," she said.

Participants have a variety of distances and options available to them.

In addition to the two, five and 10 kilometre runs, there is the Heritage 7.3 kilometres run, which is a "nod to the original Heineken Yard race distance run for the first time way back in 1971 from Camp Onondaga to the Rockcliffe in Minden!" Also new is the free-style run, which is whatever you want it to be, whether it's indoors or outdoors.

Early bird registration is open and ends on June 30 at 11:59 p.m. The deadline to register is Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. Results submission deadline is Aug. 2 at 11:59 p.m. Register for the run at the Highland Yard website highlandyard.ca and the running room page. Once you register organizers will mail you an event bandana. With every \$50 raised, one entry will be earned for the a draw to win a Highland Yard mug. If a participant raises more than \$500, a mug is awarded to them. Contact info@highlandyard.ca for more information.

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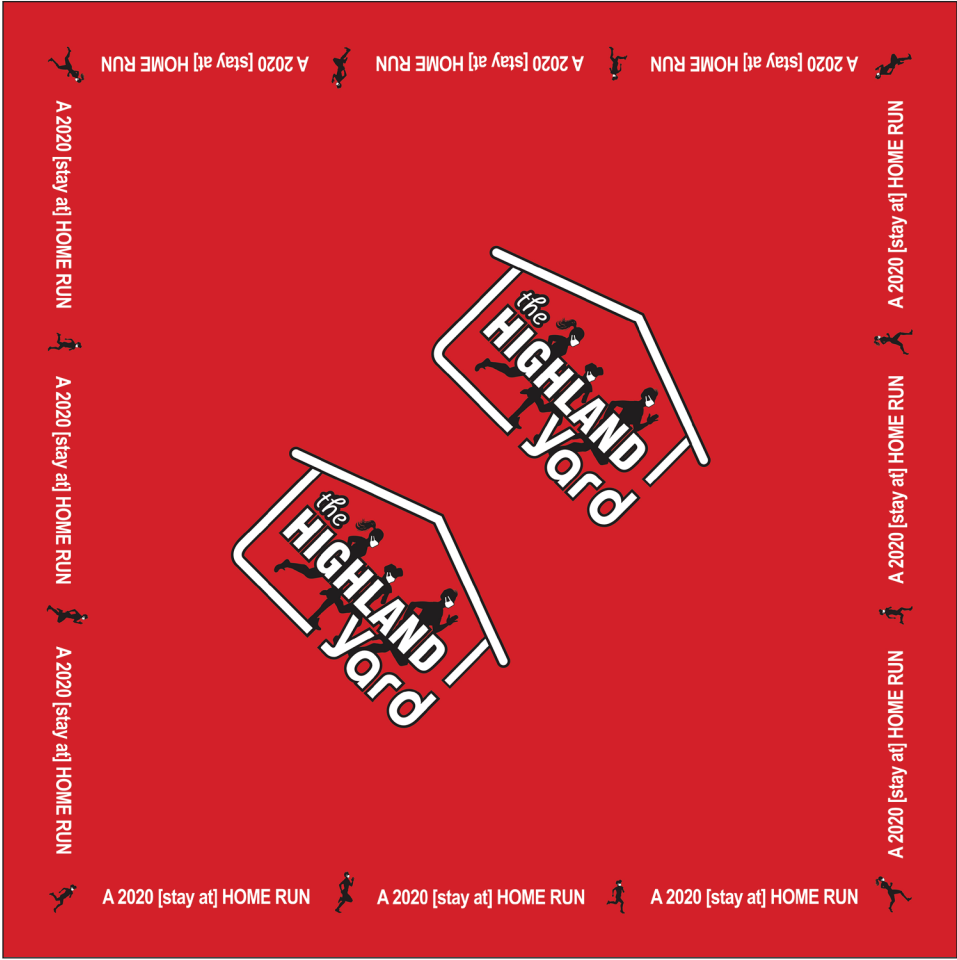
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. File No. PLSRA2019002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.
- 2. File No. PLSRA2019003:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10300, registered November 28, 2019.
- 3. File No. PLSRA2019004:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10264, registered July 23, 2019.
- 4. File No. PLSRA2019031:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10338, registered January 7, 2020.
- 5. File No. PLSRA2019034:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10289, registered October 25, 2019.
- 6. File No. PLSRA2019041:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10363, registered January 16, 2020.
- 7. File No. PLSRA2019043:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10354, registered January 15, 2020.
- 8. File No. PLSRA2019044:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, 6, and 7, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10262, registered July 18, 2019.
- 9. File No. PLSRA2019048:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4, 5, and 6, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10369, registered February 6, 2020.
- 10. File No. PLSRA2019076:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10345, registered January 8, 2020.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, June 11, 2020** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard by contacting the undersigned. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 25, 2020**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this June 3rd, 2020
Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner



This year's Highland Yard continues as a virtual event due to an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. It is a major fundraiser for Places for People, which assists residents with gaining affordable housing. Highland Yard organizers invite runners to share photos of them running with or using the bandana in a fun way during their run, using #MHYSWAG hashtag on social media or email info@highlandyard.ca. /Submitted by Highland Yard

Barb Millington takes on Terry Fox Run

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The first-ever virtual Terry Fox Run will be held in 650 communities across Canada, including Haliburton and Minden. The Terry Fox Foundation confirmed both Minden and Haliburton have had organizers step up to help coordinate the run, which is being held virtually while the COVID-19 pandemic has been declared.

"In these uncertain times, the one certainty we have is that cancer is not waiting for COVID-19 to be over," Kim Smith of the Terry Fox Foundation told the *Times*. "This year, Canadians will unite in spirit, not in person, for their own version of the run on Sept. 20."

The event's slogan this year is "One Day. Your Way."

"Millions of Terry Foxers will continue to honour Terry, aided by new technology that will enhance the virtual participation experience by providing a way to 'get fundraising, get inspired and get fit,'" said Smith.

Minden has had a Terry Fox Run from 1994 to 2019, Smith said, raising a total of \$319,024 for cancer research in the spirit of Terry Fox's iconic 1980 run.

Barb Millington has been a committee member since 2003, when she said she started helping out with registration, and has been treasurer since 2012. She's also a team leader for a group of friends in her fitness class, who gather sponsorships.

"I wasn't planning to take over when [longtime organizer] Diane Peacock resigned, but when this year's run became a virtual run, I decided I could organize the communication and publicity, with help from most of the previous committee members," said Millington.

Going virtual this year means participants will fundraise online and complete the run however and wherever they can, with consideration of physical distancing recommendations in place during the pandemic.

"The run will not be at a physical site, but participants can do it on their own, in their backyard, around the town, or in their living room," said Millington. "This is the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, and it's very important that we continue raising funds for cancer research, even if we cannot have a physical run as in past years."

Haliburton also has an organizer – Andy Salvatori – confirmed for this year's event.

Registration is now open to begin fundraising at <http://www.terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/minden>.

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Smiling in self-isolation, capturing life during a pandemic

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

A picture is worth a thousand words, and the Thorn family has had a little fun with that concept, posing in photos that depict life at home during a pandemic.

The Algonquin Highlands-based family of four – Adam, Cassie, Hayden and Fallon – began participating in an on-line selfie photo challenge on April 2 that ended last week as shelter in place restrictions around the province began being lifted and people started heading back to work.

“It was a game set up between our camping friends called the COVID Proof of Life,” said Cassie. “It was kind of a fun way for everyone – they are spread all over southern Ontario, we are the furthest north – to keep in touch daily while most were working from home or laid off.”

Each family was required to take a selfie fitting a different theme related to staying home during the provincial lockdown on a daily basis to check in with each other online despite having to be apart.

“We usually get together with them every long weekend or once a month and with COVID-19, it was very difficult obviously to do this so we set up a fun easy way to stay in contact and have fun with it,” said Cassie. “...As it started going on everyone got a little more creative and a little sillier.”

It has been a lot of fun to do and the kids have really enjoyed coming up with ideas.”

Each family member has a different favourite photo – Cassie likes the family spa day photo, because of Beretta the dog’s appearance, the kids enjoyed the one in which they had their parents tied up – and Cassie said there was sometimes a lot of laughter in getting the perfect picture. She hopes to have a book made with everyone’s photos as a memory of this time.



Responding to a daily challenge with friends, the Thorn family took creative pictures capturing life at home during the coronavirus pandemic. /Submitted photos

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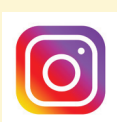
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Adam, Cassie, Hayden and Fallon - and Beretta the dog, too - had fun coming up with ideas to creatively respond to the quarantine-related photo challenge. /Submitted photos

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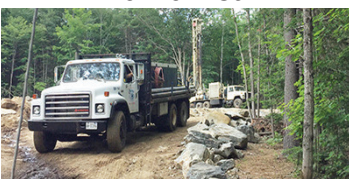
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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Learning@Home program

Ms. Kampstra's Grade 3/4 class

Students were asked to write a cinquain poem about a topic of interest or importance to them.

Quarantine
Happy, fun
Walking, jumping, gaming
Staying home, staying safe
Home

By Nohlan Wrightman

Sun
Bright, yellow
Setting, burning, warming
Making things grow strong
Beautiful

By Breanna Upton

Cat
Sleepy, cuddly
Purring, meowing, hissing
My furry best friend
Dusty (my cat's name)

By Cole Brooks

Hair
Short, long
Grow, strengthen, shine
Flowing in the summer breeze
Style

By Gabrielle Loney

Students were asked to write a letter to the editor stating their opinions about either staying home to work and go to school or going back to school and work from a cat's, dog's or parent's point of view.

May 21, 2020
Dear Editor,
I think that my family should stay home together forever.
I love having my family at home with me because we get to spend time together. I get to play with Jack and I get lots of love and pets. I am way happier when my family is here.
Usually when I'm alone I sleep all day except when my family gets home. I run to the door and say hello. If they are home with me I don't have to be bored and alone. Jack plays catch with me and gives me treats. I bring him the ball when I want him to play fetch with me.
I wish my family could stay home with me forever.

Love,
Hali the Goldendoodle
Written by Jack Tomlinson

May 21, 2020
Dear Editor,
I think people should go back to work and school right away - like tomorrow!

With people working from home I can't go and lay on the couch like I'm not supposed to. Also I can't splat all my slobber everywhere because I get yelled at and my ears are four times as sensitive as you peoples.
Next at my house there is a baby. When I'm in the middle of a nap sometimes, all of a sudden, he jumps on me. How would he like it if in the middle of his nap I jumped on him? Like really, go back to daycare you two year old devil!
And finally all I get are pets. Yah, I like a good pet every once and awhile but every two minutes - that is where I cross the line.
I also never get paid attention to when I need to go to the bathroom. Next time I'm going to poop on the floor if they don't listen to me whimper. Yah, I said it - poop on the floor.
This is why I say throw them back to work or school or whatever they do. I could care less.
Kane the dog.
Written by Landyn Simms

May 21, 2020
Dear Editor,
I think that students should learn from home all the time because it gets lonely being home alone. My people used to get up and make a lot of noise and rush and move around. I get outside to use the washroom and next thing I know, I am in my cage and

everyone is gone. Hours would pass before I'd see my people.
Now I get to wake my people up. I get to bark to go for a walk in the morning and at night. I get treats all day long just for staying on the deck. Laying on the couch is more comfortable than my cage. Vanek has taught me how to jump on the trampoline. That is fun and good for leg strengthening.
Spending time with family is good and important. This is why I think my people should learn from home.

Rosco the Dog
Written by Vanek Logan

May 21, 2020

Dear Editor,
My name is Mr. Snuggles and I am writing to tell everyone that I love my owners being home more than going to doggie day care or being at home alone during the day.
One of the reasons is that I get more snuggles and treats. I also love taking car rides with my head out the window on my way to the lake to swim. My family also takes me on long walks which I love. We play fun chase games in our yard and fetch. It's my fav.
I will be very sad when these new happy times come to an end. I really hope they don't.
Yours truly,
Mr. Snuggles the Dog
Written by Moss Davis

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Feed all four

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has asked students and teachers to share examples of how they are using their time at home to "Feed All Four," the school board's framework to connect physical, mental and social/emotional health and wellness to teaching and learning. Look in next week's *Times* for more photos of ASES students and teachers supporting their body, mind, spirit and emotions. /Photos submitted

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It's living history and it's pretty, too

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Kashagawigamog swimming safe

The local health unit has pronounced Lake Kashagawigamog safe for swimming in a report to Dysart et al council.

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Sandy Hawley wows 'em

Canada's legendary jockey entertains at Home Support dinner.

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Kenneth Jackson/TIMES

Art Nye the lawnmower guy

Even the biggest cracks of thunder during Saturday's electrical storm couldn't drown out the roar of the 15th Annual Minden Kinsmen Truck Show and Pull. Hundreds of people turned out at the Minden Fairgrounds to see people like Art Nye pulling a big load in the riding lawn mower competition. See page 8 for more photos.

Got garbage? Get rid of it for free!

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With the flash of a piece of paper, residents in Minden Hills will have the opportunity to dump their trash without having to pay a tipping fee.

No joke.

The idea was developed by the township after the Clean and Clear Bylaw was passed in April. Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon wanted to ensure that people who live in the township had an opportunity to rid their properties of unwanted items without having to pay a tipping fee.

So the township came up with a free dump voucher for a one-time disposal of a maximum of one-quarter tonne (250 kg or 550 lbs or one standard pick-up truck load) of solid non-haz-

ardous residential waste to a municipal landfill.

"It's the first time we've offered our people a chance to do this," said Reeve Ross Rigney during a committee-of-the-whole meeting last week. "People will take the opportunity on a free day to clean some of their stuff up."

At first the committee was considering putting restrictions on the type of waste they would accept with the free voucher, but unanimously decided to allow people to get rid of whatever they want to.

"There's no question as far as I'm concerned - it's what they would usually take to the dump," Rigney said.

There will be one voucher for each residential property and will expire on December 31, 2002. It can be used anytime before then, pro-

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Minden taxes going up

Roads attract most attention in Minden Hills' new budget

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Roads were on the minds of Minden Hills councillors last week as they approved a 4.9 per cent increase on the total tax rate for residential property owners.

The new numbers mean that a residential property assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$999.06 for 2002, up \$47.11 from last year.

The budget was passed by council at a special meeting June 13, held after a committee-of-the-whole meeting the same day.

The main thrust of the increase will be felt at the roads department with money being spent on hard surface treatment to six roads including Rackety Trail, Little Bob Lake Road, Scotch Line Road East, part of Bobcaygeon Road and less than 1 km on South Lake Road. Two new vehicles for the roads department and major repairs to Salerno Lake Road Bridge are also in the works.

The township is faced with a hefty price tag of spending \$150,000 a year over the next 10 years to bring all the bridges up to standard, for a total of \$1.5 million dollars.

Treasurer Mary Jane Irwin says the budget committee was able to reduce the bridge spending by around \$30,000 to \$120,000, but the ongoing bridge repairs will be part of the budget for many years to come.

The 4.9 per cent represents the total tax rate for residential class properties in Minden Hills and includes a 13 per cent increase from the county and an unchanged education tax rate from last year. Property owners from all four municipalities will be sharing the pinch from the county increase.

"Overall I'm pleased with the budget and I think our taxpayers will be pleased as well," said Reeve Ross Rigney on the phone from his house. "We're not the highest and we're

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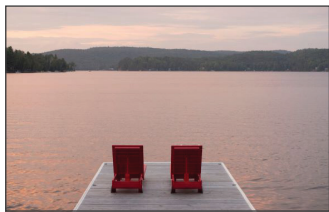
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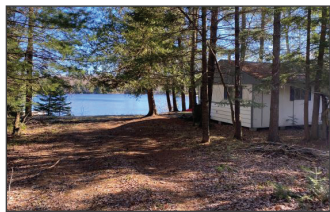
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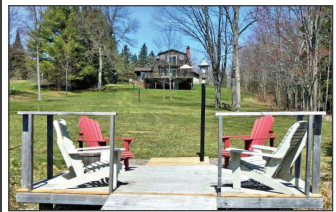
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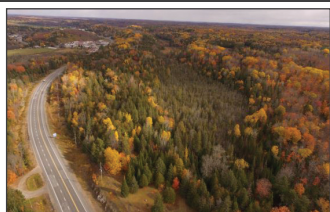
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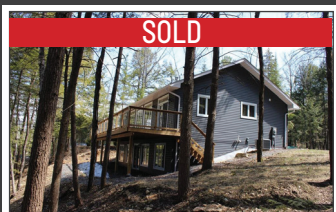
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